

Dear Chairman Powell,

I have had the experience of dial up, cable and dsl usage and I implore you to keep the status quo on the line sharing issue. The competition, true competition, will come from providers having access to the last mile and giving me, a consumer, the choices I want, and need, for high speed internet access. DSL, by far, is the better option for access and to limit providers to just RBOC's will be a travesty. They have consistently balked at providing access as per the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and now, after all of this stonewalling, they want us to believe they'll do everything in their power to build their networks and expand their reach. I am worried sick that our country could take a huge step backwards in this provisioning and hand back the monopoly to the regional bells.

Please do the right thing for the American people and continue to require line sharing by the RBOC's.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

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